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'faith cure' prevalent in villages? Will the Government examine whether the system of faith cure is effective?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, faith can cure many diseases and most diseases are self-cured, and drugs are only make-believe.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Hon. Minister has read or heard of a report in the papers of a South Indian lady having successfully tackled this disease and if so will the Hon. Minister establish immediate contact with that lady, Sir?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The hon. Member may establish contact in the first instance and pass on the information to me.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : In English language there is a saying that a person suffering from jaundice is supposed to be affected by jealousy. May I know whether the people in Delhi are suffering from jealousy and whether any psychological cure has been given to them?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. Many of these diseases get worse on account of some fear-complex or panic. There is a good deal of the mental factor involved in all diseases.

SRI G. GOVINDAN : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மஞ்சக் காமாலை என்ற வியாதி வந்தால் அதிகாலையில் சாப்பிடுவதற்கு முன்னதாக வெறும் வயிற்றில் வெல்லக்கட்டியைச் சாப்பிட்டால் அந்த வியாதி தீர்ந்துவிடும் என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். அதைப்பற்றி விசாரணை செய்து அதற்கு வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் முயற்சிப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : That may be, Sir. I am glad to find many of the hon. Members have a good deal of information about this subject. Any useful information if given to me I shall have it considered.

SRI C. KANDASAMY : Considering the importance of the question, will the Hon. Minister call for information from the Director of Medical Services, Delhi State, about the steps taken for curing jaundice disease in Delhi and place it on the Table of the House for the information of hon. Members?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No special methods have been tried in Delhi with success. In fact in Delhi there have been many more fatal cases than in Madras.

Plantation estates in Malabar

* 3441 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of plantation estates in Malabar where minimum wages recommended by the Special Tribunal have not been implemented by the owners?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Two estates—Kuppamudu and Adelaide, Sir.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware of the fact that in South Malabar, many of the estate owners with a view to evade implementation of payment of minimum wages have declared a lock-out stating that they are incurring losses and that after four or six months have re-opened the estates? Will the Government take steps to see that the manoeuvres of the managements do not succeed and that workers are paid minimum wages by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate specific question.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether the Government have adopted a uniform policy in fixing minimum wages and whether the Government is aware that the minimum wage paid in Malabar is Rs. 1–11–0 while in Tamilnad it is Re. 1–7–0?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Here, the interim award relating to minimum wages has been fixed by the Special Tribunal that has been enquiring into the matter. It has fixed wages according to the grades of the workers, Re. 1–7–0 per grade-1 worker, Re. 1–1–0 per grade-2 worker and As. 11 per child. This award would only apply to estates whose cases have been referred to the Tribunal.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know what is the machinery the Government have to see that minimum wages are implemented by estate owners in Tamilnad as well as in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Wherever it is brought to the notice of the Government, if there is a failure, the Government prosecute the managements. If there are claims against the managements the Government ask the workers to file them so that the Government may take necessary action.

9-40 a. m. SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that the owners do not come forward to implement granting of minimum wages to the workers and are Government aware that about 100 workers have been arrested in various plantation estates of South Malabar simply for the purpose of the owners avoiding implementation of the minimum wages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am sorry I have no information with me. The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Electrification of villages in North Malabar

* 3442 Q.—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the date on which electricity will be supplied to the villages of Quilandy and Badagara (North Malabar), under the new scheme that has been recently sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Supply of electricity to Badagara village was effected on 15th October 1955. Supply to Quilandy will, it is expected, be possible in the last week of March 1956.